



YEAR 5 AND 6
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2024

School timings



School gates open before 8:30 with staff on the playground every day from 8:30 in the morning.

Doors open at 8:40am. The children make their own way in.

Doors close at 8:50am.

At **3:15**, teachers bring their class out on to the playground at the **end of the day** for pick up.

Our values

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Curiosity

- Tolerance
- Resilience
- Growth



You can help by talking about these values with your child, and listening to them talk about their experiences, ideas and questions.

Every Friday there is a 'values' assembly and a pupil from each class is chosen by their class teacher to receive a values certificate.

Uniform

Ensure everything is named please!

PE kit to be worn to school on the days of PE

Games kit to include trainers

Tracksuit needed for colder weather - navy blue house sweatshirts and jogging bottoms

School cardigans or jumpers can be worn

Correct school shoes – black

No jewellery, except for a wrist watch and one pair of small stud earrings

Earrings to be taken out for all PE and games lessons or taped up at home

Hair should be tied back



Equipment & Stationery



- Children will need their own key equipment – pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, etc.
- No play time equipment to be brought into school.
- Children's own hand sanitiser is useful to have (we will obviously provide this too).

Absence



Phone call to be made as early as possible on each morning of absence.

Please let us know of any unavoidable appointments prior to the day and bring in a copy of the appointment card.

We follow the rule that if a child is well enough to attend school then he/she is well enough to participate in PE & games and swimming, unless a note is sent in with a clear explanation.

Year 5 staff



Miss Weller (Year Leader – 5HW)

Mr Haigh (5JH)

Ms Granger (5AG)

Miss O'Sullivan (5DO)

Mrs George / Mrs Turnbull (5GT)

Mrs Stansfield Jones (Acting Deputy Head – Upper School)

Miss Child (Acting Deputy Head – Upper School)

Mr Turnbull (SENCO)

Mrs Braidwood

Miss Stephens

Mrs Tay

Mrs Teale

Teaching assistants

Mrs Fillbrook

Mrs Hollens

Mrs Hill

Mrs Byrne

Mrs Jewell

SEN Teaching Assistants

Year 6 staff



Mr Chadburn (Year Lead) - 6MC

Miss Child (Acting Deputy Head) and Mrs Peaty - 6CP

Mr McLoughlin - 6BM

Mrs Blackmore - 6SB

Mrs Cummins / Mrs Henning - 6CH

Mrs Stansfield Jones (Acting Deputy Head – Upper School)

Mr Turnbull (SENCO)

Mrs Harper

Miss Ould

Mrs Vohra

Mrs Morgan

Mrs Thiselton

Miss Cowell

Mrs Patel

Mrs Korol

Miss Jewell

Teaching assistants

SEN Teaching Assistants

Year 5 curriculum



Over the course of the year, we will cover the breadth of the curriculum, but there will be terms where not all subjects are taught.

Our key drivers are **science**, **history** and **geography**.

TOPICS:

Autumn – **How would you survive?** *Survivors*

What Happens Inside Us? *The Night Bus Hero*

Spring – **Mysteries of the Nile** *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*

Wizards v Scientists *Fantastic Beasts*

Summer – **The Maya Civilization**

Code Red Danger Ahead *Swimming Against the Storm*

Year 6 curriculum



Over the course of the year, we will cover the breadth of the curriculum, but there will be terms where not all subjects are taught.

Our key drivers are **science**, **history** and **geography**.

TOPICS:

Autumn – **How do we see things?** The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree

Where do we come from? Darwin's Dragons

Spring – **War, what is it good for?** Tales from World War 2
Crawley wasn't built in a day!

Summer – **Greece Lightning** Text - Greek Myths

Reading

- Blue reading journal
- Daily reading in school.
- Expected to read a minimum of 4 times a week at home.
- All reading, in school and at home, to be recorded in the reading journal.
- Please read with your child once a week and sign the reading journal.
- Choose a book which will challenge and expand vocabulary.

Accelerated reader

- Teachers will be monitoring children's quizzing and checking that they are reading books appropriate to their ZPD level.
- Regular reading conversations with class teacher and TA.



Week beginning: 9th September 2024

Homework, Notes, Messages or Reminders	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Signatures - Home:	School: Miss Stephens

Star competition

Ask the people at home to draw a 5-pointed star. Who can draw the best one?

(No tracing allowed!)



Reading Record

Date, book and the page you read to	Comments Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed reading
02.09.24 S: Goblet of Fire P325 s 346	H: Warrior Cat P1
03.09.24 S: Goblet of Fire P346 s 381	H: 381 - 421 <input type="checkbox"/> 10
11.09.24 Harry Potter and the Philosophers stone	quizzed - 10/10 it was such a great book <input type="checkbox"/> 10
12.09.24 Alex Neptune: Dragon Thief	So far its a great book 9/10 S: Page 27 (H) 😊 <input type="checkbox"/> 10
13.09.24 Alex Neptune Dragon Thief	its such a great Book! P27-36 (S) <input type="checkbox"/> 10

This side is used for students to record their reading. One section per day - indicate if reading was at home or school.

Tricky words, or new words I have learned

This side is used for students to write down their homework, any trips or activities, as well as reminders for upcoming dates e.g. Pizza Day, Maidenbower Mile.

Homework, Messages or Reminders	
Wednesday	Finn's BIRTHDAY
Thursday	
Friday	MJS Fireworks
Signatures - Home: _____ School: _____	

Word puzzle

Using the letters **A R B N I**, try to make some words with 3 letters or more. Each letter should only be used once.

Can you find 10 words?

Date, book and the page you read to	Comments Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed your reading
	10
	10
	10
	10
	10

Tricky words, or new words I have learned

Homework

- **Reading** four times a week – to be recorded in your journal and brought into school daily.
- Weekly **spellings** to learn (tested the following Monday).
- Mental maths practise (times tables) using **TT Rockstars**. (5 games at home)
- **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar** practise using **Rollama**. (5 games at home)
- **SATs Buster** 10-minute activities may also be set.



Homework



- Homework is put onto the **website** every Monday.
- Each Monday reading journals will be checked, TTRockstars will be monitored and there will be a spelling test.
- If homework is not completed 3 weeks in a row – parents will be contacted.
- Journals must be brought to school **every day**.
- Homework to be handed in on/before Monday. If there are any problems completing your homework, you must let your teacher know by Friday break-time at the latest.
- Homework club (at break time) for anyone who does not hand in homework on time.

Year 5 Key Dates

- Friday 4th October – School individual photos
- 22nd /23rd /24th/October – Bough Beech visits
- 19th / 28th November – Parent Consultation Meetings
- Friday 20th December – last day of term (1:15pm finish)

Further away ...

Spring Term –
11th /12th /13th March - Harry Potter Studios Tour

Summer Term –
1st /2nd - Portals To The Past



Year 6 Key Dates



- Wednesday 25th September- **Junior Citizen**
- Friday 4th October – **School individual photos**
- W/B Friday 18th October- **Eye dissection**
- 31st October – **Secondary school choice deadline**
- Weeks beginning 4th and 11th November 2024 - **Bikeability**
- Friday 20th December – **last day of term (1:15pm finish)**

Further away ...

- 9th and 10th January - **Portals to the Past (WW2)**
- Spring 1-Summer 1- **Portals to the Past (Ancient Greeks)**
- Monday 12th May 2025 – **SATs Week**
- July 2025 –
 - **End of Year Showcase**
 - **Y7 Transition Day**
 - **Y6 residential to Swanage**



Year 6 Residential



Assessment - SATs

- Children are tested in reading, SPaG and maths.
- Writing and science are teacher assessed.
- There will be half-termly assessments taking place throughout the year, with thorough analysis.
- There will be a mock SATs Week in March to familiarise the children with how the week operates.



Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is our priority.

We received top grade in a safeguarding audit by West Sussex (summer 2024).



Picking up / walking home

- Lower school – we expect that children are picked up.
- Teachers will only let pupils go to a family member *unless parents have let the school know in advance. This can be via email to the school office or telling TAs at drop off.*
- **Upper school – many children start going home by themselves at some point in year 5 or year 6. Parents will decide when their child is ready for this. Please let your child's teacher know if you want your child to leave school independently.**

Safeguarding / social media



- The Computing curriculum provides a fantastic opportunity to develop our school's approach to online safety.
- Online safety is included in the Programmes of Study for all Key Stages to help ensure that young people are “responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology.”
- A lot of this starts at what children can access at home.



NSPCC

More online safety advice for parents



Talking to your child about online safety

Advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.

[Learn more](#)



Parental controls

Get advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online.

[Learn more](#)



Livestreaming and online video apps

Information and advice to help you understand the challenges and keep your child safe.

[Learn more](#)

OUR MESSAGE TO CHILDREN:

- Age restrictions – 13 years old.
- Be kind in all forms of communication.
Would your family be happy to read everything that is sent?
- Information/photos can't be recovered after being sent.



How can you help?

- Homework
- Reading
- Times tables
- Encouraging independence & organisation
- Concerns and worries – face to face, phone, email



Pleas from us ...

*Breaktime snacks need to be healthy – no chocolate, sweets, crisps, etc. Healthy snacks such as fruit, veg, cereal bars, breadsticks, etc, are healthy snacks.

* Please name jumpers and cardigans!



Friends Committee (PTA)



- We rely on the efforts of parents to help organise enjoyable events for the children and raise funds
- Pizza Days, Christmas Fair, Midsummer Madness, Fireworks, etc.
- A date for a meeting will be sent out soon. Please look out for this. There's usually drinks and nibbles!

Thank you for listening!

Please come and introduce yourself and say hello to your child's class teacher or me at the end of the school day if you haven't already!

Lost property – please take any items you may need from the front!

